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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 1617 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shohei TANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/869,122

Confirmation No.: 2326

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Docket No: Q64929

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: Hui, S.

For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING BONE LESIONS IN MULTIPLE MYELOMA

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ATTN: BOX AF Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002. The

examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by

reference is a Petition for a two-month extension of time, making the due date for response

August 27, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 9-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

At pages 2-4 of the Office Action, claims 7 and 9-13 are rejected under

35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Isomura et al. (US 4,990,503) in view of Shipman et al. (Leukemia and

Lymphoma, 1998).

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